

MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

Success Stories from the Field

GE Transportation

Nevada Industry Excellence

GE Transportation Takes Off with Nevada Industry Excellence

Client Profile:

GE Transportation is a global technology leader and supplier to the railroad, marine, drilling, wind and mining industries. GE provides freight and passenger locomotives, railway signaling and communications systems, information technology solutions, marine engines, motorized drive systems for mining trucks and drills, high-quality replacement parts and value added services. The company's facility in Las Vegas, Nevada performs the overhaul and remanufacture of locomotive wheel/motor truck assemblies and employs 66 people.

Situation:

GE Transportation was building a new facility and needed assistance with their plant start-up. Being new to the area, they were encountering construction, permitting and new hire training concerns. GE Transportation turned to Nevada Industry Excellence, formerly known as the Nevada Management Assistance Partnership (MAP), a NIST MEP network affiliate, for help

Solution:

Nevada Industry Excellence worked with local authorities and GE Transportation's Plant Manager, Michael Meguiar, to resolve all permitting obstacles during plant construction. Nevada Industry Excellence was successful in providing and sourcing training funds from two sources: Train Employees Now (TEN) grant money through the Nevada Development Authority and the Nevada Commission on Economic Development, as well as On The Job (OJT) training funds through JobConnect. Nevada Industry Excellence also provided specific experts for Lean Manufacturing, forklift, crane, and environmental training. Nevada Industry Excellence's industrial experience and strong partnerships with state and local entities proved invaluable in helping GE Transportation meet their service contract deadlines without any delays.

Results:

* Realized \$120,000 in cost savings.

Testimonial:

"Nevada Industry Excellence has a great depth of experience and resources from Lean Manufacturing and training programs to a network of partners that can open up doors for new and old companies. I strongly recommend Nevada Industry Excellence to all Nevada manufacturers."

Michael Meguiar, Plant Manager